DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 409 524 CG 027 949

AUTHOR Kapur, Malavika
TITLE Mental Health of Indian Children.
REPORT NO ISBN-0-8039-9233-5
PUB DATE 95
NOTE 347p.
AVAILABLE FROM Sage Publications Inc., 2455 Teller Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91320.
PUB TYPE Books (010) -- Information Analyses (070)
EDRS PRICE Document Not Available from EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS Academic Achievement; Adolescents; Child Development; Children; Developmental Delays; *Developmental Psychology; Elementary Secondary Education; Foreign Countries; *Indians; *Mental Health; Parent Child Relationship; *Psychological Evaluation; Psychopathology; Psychosis; Student School Relationship
IDENTIFIERS Developmental Psychopathology; *India

ABSTRACT

Children constitute nearly 40% of India's population, a significant portion of whom suffer mental ailments. Ways to sensitize those who work with children to various aspects associated with child mental health are explored in this book. The focus is not on mental handicap but on the internal or external distress which warps the psychosocial development of children, aspects often neglected both by the family and by professionals. The text follows a developmental perspective and is divided into three parts. The first part describes and evaluates the various assessment and therapeutic techniques used with troubled children. The second part discusses the nature of some specific disorders in terms of phenomenology, etiology, and intervention. The disorders described include the following: scholastic backwardness; hyperkinesis; hysterical, emotional, somatic, and neurotic problems; developmental disorders; and psychotic conditions of childhood, such as autism. The last section looks at the child in the community context and focuses on various aspects of the family, school, and community in which such troubled children are brought up. Emphasis is placed on culturally appropriate and pragmatic solutions to the problems of child mental health by employing a holistic and eclectic perspective. Contains approximately 550 references. (RJM)

****
* Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made *
* from the original document. *
****